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THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
OF THE SOVIET UNION: "I HAVE BEEN ASKED BY THE PERMANENT REPRESENT-
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TO ADDRESS

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AN URGENT APPEAL TO YOU IN THE PRESENT CRITICAL SITUATION. THESE
REPRESENTATIVES FEEL THAT IN THE INTEREST OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE
AND SECURITY ALL CONCERNED SHOULD REFRAIN FROM ANY ACTION WHICH
MAY AGGRAVATE THE SITUATION AND BRING WITH IT THE RISK OF WAR.
IN THEIR VIEW IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THERE

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AND ALSO THE VOLUNTARY SUSPENSION OF THE QUARANTINE

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MEASURES INVOLVING THE DETENTION OF SHIPS BOUND FOR CUBA.

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WEEKS WILL GREATLY EASE THE SITUATION AND GIVE TIME TO THE PARTIES
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FOR WHATEVER SERVICES I MAY BE ABLE TO PERFORM. I URGENTLY APPEAL TO
YOUR EXCELLENCY TO GIVE IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION TO THIS MESSAGE.
I HAVE SENT AN IDENTICAL MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE
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